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COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL, AND SERVER
DEVICE

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APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit a response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Applicants note, with thanks, the Examiner's allowance of claims 1, 3-6, 8-11 and 13-20.

Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear the Examiner's reasons for allowing a claim or claims." 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e). In the present case, Applicant believes the record as a whole makes clear the reasons for allowance and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Therefore, the record should reflect that Applicant does not necessarily agree with the statement in the reasons for allowance. Specifically, other distinctions between one or more of the claims and cited art, in addition to, or instead of, the Examiner's reasons for allowance, may exist.

Respectfully submitted,


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